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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I'm writing out of concern that you are considering removing local ISPs' access to last mile networking infrastructure. Even living in the supposedly technological paradise that is the SF Bay Area, we only had access to a single > 10 Mbps provider until very recently when Sonic rolled out their fiber to my neighborhood. The old service was expensive and their customer service was terrible, while my interactions with Sonic have been great, and the internet's been even better.

(Sonic moving into the neighborhood actually prompted Comcast to boost their speeds, so clearly the competition is working for customers!)

I'm a computer scientist doing artificial intelligence research. I need access to fast internet for everything I do. Anything that jeopardizes competition in the ISP space hurts my ability to do my work.

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